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# Weinberger Says the Walkers Gave Soviet Much Key Data

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WASHINGTON, April 16 — Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger said today that the John A. Walker Jr. spy ring had given Soviet officials information on a wide range of highly sensitive subjects, including terrorist threats.

Mr. Weinberger made this statement in a speech in which he offered his most comprehensive assessment of the Walker spy case.

"The Soviets gained access to weapons and sensor data and naval tactics, terrorist threats and surface, submarine and airborne training, readiness and tactics," Mr. Weinberger said.

Mr. Weinberger said the classified information provided to the Russians also enabled them to learn about the location of American ships and transit routes for those ships. The Russians also learned about military and intelligence activities.

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"The information stolen by Walker enabled the K.G.B. to decipher more than one million messages," said Mr. Weinberger, referring to the former Navy communications specialist who was convicted of spying for the Russians.

The Walker spy ring also included Mr. Walker's son, Michael L. Walker, and a former Navy communications specialist, John Alfred Whitworth.

Mr. Weinberger said the K.G.B. considered the Walker family spy ring to be the "most important" operation in its history — so important that K.G.B. officers were assigned to the Soviet Embassy in Washington for the specific purpose of receiving classified information from John Walker.

Mr. Weinberger said the Russians might also have learned how the

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United States would deploy Navy ships in a crisis or conflict.

"We now have clear signals of dramatic Soviet gains in all areas of naval warfare, which must now be interpreted in the light of the Walker conspiracy," he said.

The director, Rear Adm. William O. Studeman, said the information provided would enable the Soviet Union to "gauge the true capabilities and vulnerabilities of the U.S. Navy."